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Subject: Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements NPDES Permit No. CA0079391
City of Jackson Wastewater Treatment Plant, Amador County

Dear Mr. Landau:

The Mokelumne River is the water supply source for 1.3 million East Bay residents. The District is committed to protecting the Mokelumne River water quality from degradation and will take all actions necessary to protect the public health of its customers. The City of Jackson has identified potential discharges of treated wastewater to the Mokelumne River above Pardee Reservoir as one of the options it may pursue in its effort to meet the discharge dilution requirements proposed in this draft NPDES permit. We believe there are other alternative approaches to address the City's wastewater issues that do not require the discharge of wastewater effluent into EBMUD's water supply. Identification and proper analysis of these alternatives is required under CEQA.

EBMUD remains willing to work with the City as it seeks the best solution to its wastewater issues through an open and comprehensive process that addresses all issues and includes all stakeholders. However, the District must and will vigorously oppose any proposal that results in discharge of treated wastewater into the Mokelumne River and EBMUD's water supply.

Sincerely,

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